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The Rooster's Lament.

Two big Plymouth Rocks very much distressed
Discussed their Future as to what seemed best.
Said one to the other "In this world for me,
Life's Scarcely worth the living as I can see.
We've got no rights remaining, to no purpose are our wings
Since by men they're clipped so close it almost stings.
We are cooped up in pens so awfully small,
That no half alive chicken could live there at all.
And if e'er we dare o'er the fence to roam around
We are sure to be treading on forbidden ground.
In men's estimation they own the whole earth
And everything that's in it, even from the birth
An attempt at exploring or at emmigration
Is sufficient cause for condemnation
And for this offense the usual solution
Is nothing to eat and soon execution.
Our sleep is disturbed by a terrible fear
That a doleful figure or face will appear.
Or maybe some maiden the plan will undertake
To provide a pie supper for charity's sake
Or that our dear mistress for some pious reason
Will invite the minister to dinner this season.
With a college, nine churches, and some coons in town,
It seems very probable that poultry'll go down."

—E. H. '09.

Annual Oratorical Contest.

On Friday evening, January 25th, in the college chapel occurred the annual oratorical contest of Pacific College. Six orators, representing the four college classes competed and every contestant did themselves

and their class proud and were heartily cheered. Before the contest was called the two factions, seated on opposite sides of the house, entertained the crowd with songs and yells. This has so become a custom at such occasions that it is expected along with the rest of the program.

While waiting for the decision to be announced two of the judges, Mr. A. King Wilson and Prof. Ewing, both of Portland, were introduced to the audience and made short speeches. The third judge Prof. J. A. Vangroos of Portland Academy, was denied this privilege as the decision was now ready for announcement, giving to Miss Katherine Romig, '10, first place, to Roy. H. Mills, '08, second place and to Miss Lena Spangle, '08, third.

Following is the program:

Invocation		Rev. W. S. Lowry
Oration	"Singleness of Aim"	Lena M. Spangle, '08
Oration	"The Triumph of Altruism"	Roy H. Mills, '08
Oration	"The Goblin Army"	Katherine Romig, '10
Vocal Solo	"The Sea Bird's Warning Cry"	I. E. Holt
Oration	"The Development of the Railroad"	C. M. Brown, '07
Oration	"Heroes of Our Constitution"	Ralph W. Rees, '07
Oration	"The Grafters"	Harold Vickrey, '08
Piano Solo	"The Language of Flowers"	Miss Jessie Britt
	Decision of Judges.	

Heli Anthus Entertains.

The young ladies of the Heli Anthus club entertained the Agoretons at the college building on the evening of the 26th.

Upon arrival the young men were ushered into the college chapel and there presented with a card upon which was written something very much resembling

the menu for a light course banquet or the bill of fare for a swell restaurant dinner. The sight of "Chicken a la Newberg," "Pressed Tongue," "Philadelphia Cream," etc., awakened the anticipations of the young Agoretons and the fact that they were not disappointed when this portion of the program was rendered and not served bespeaks the splendid manner in which it was given. After the literary exercises the library room became the center of social enjoyment until all were conducted to the society hall where refreshments were served.

The Agoretons are unanimous in their decision that to their sister club belongs the honor of conducting one of the most pleasant social affairs of the season.

Crescent Society Dissolves.

The Crescent Literary Society adopted the two following resolutions at its final meeting held toward the close of the fall term:

1. Be it resolved that the Crescent Literary Society consign into the hands of the student body organization of Pacific College the Crescent paper, hitherto published by the said society.

2. That the C. L. S. present its library including secretary books to the library of Pacific College.

Old members of the society and former students of the college may regret to learn of its dissolution and it is only because of what the society has been to the school that we discontinue it now with some reluctance.

The founding of the Crescent Literary Society dates back to the time when Pacific College first came into existence as an institution. For many years it was the

only literary society connected with the school. The library purchased with the proceeds from public entertainments and recitals tells the story of the life and energy with which the society work was carried on during those years. Some time back in the early days, the society also began the publication of the Crescent paper. When the business enterprises of the community numbered several less than at present the financial management of the paper was no small matter and to those who founded our college paper and raised it in opposition to all contrary circumstances to its present standard we certainly owe our gratitude. The C. L. S. deserves no small space on the pages of Pacific College's early history.

It was because it was thought that better work could be accomplished by the establishment of separate societies for young men and young women that the Crescent was dissolved and the short trial the new system has received verifies this supposition.

The adoption of the above resolution places the paper in the hands of the student body where it rightly belongs. The management of the Crescent paper like the management of other college papers, finds the support of the students sometimes a little slack. It is to be hoped that the students will now feel that it is up to their own organization to publish the college paper and to see to it that neither the paper nor society work suffers from the dissolution of the Crescent Literary Society.

He will steal himself into a man's favor, and for a week, escape a great deal of discoveries; but when you find him out, you have him ever after.—Shakespeare.

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This edition of the Crescent by its absence of what some like to term literary matter, will no doubt give opportunity for exchange editors to work off some of their stereotyped criticisms. The last month has been full of college events, the accounts of which we feel will be of more interest to our readers than would stories or a scientific treatise.

The recent action of the faculty in allowing credits for debate work and oratory is commendable. Heretofore, members of the debating team and the college representative in oratory were compelled to keep up their regular number of credits at the same time they were assuming these voluntary duties. While the benefit they individually derive from this kind of work is

acknowledged by all, it is only just that they should be given this encouragement.

It is not the easiest matter in the world to manage a basket ball team even with unanimous support, much less with a few knockers or neutral "enthusiasts" to be reckoned with. Loyal support is not confined alone to roasting, but can make itself manifest in various ways. If one stops to consider the place Pacific College holds athletically among the other institutions of the state, he cannot but wonder how such a creditable position could be gained and maintained with such weak support on the part of some, and occasionally those professing to champion the cause of all-round "culture."

The local oratorical contest is now a matter of history and once more the student body is united in support of the representative who will win us honor at the state contest next March. As was expected, the local proved fruitful of more than ordinary class-spirit and demonstration. The latter, moreover, became so strenuous that it is feared some of the old guard were somewhat shocked at the tactics used. No doubt they'll recover. Times change. Sometimes it is interesting to hear how hard they had to work and how meager their opportunities were compared with ours. Oftener however, whether it be said to our discredit or not, we are moved to pity rather than repentance. Detestable as class scraps are sometimes pictured to be by the outsider, a fellow shows the kind of stuff of which he is composed (figuratively) in a way here that he cannot otherwise. The acceptance of defeat also, whether it be sportsmanlike or whimpering is not unnoticed, and either adds to or subtracts from the individual opinions of critical observers.

Basket Ball.

Another month of the basket ball season has passed and Pacific College has jumped from the cellar to the third story with good prospects of getting even higher before the season is over. Within a little over a month the team has played five games (four being played away from home) and won three. Following are the scores:

January 4th, P. C. 12, M. A. A. C. 16

January 11th, P. C. 18, Monmouth 13

January 18th, P. C. 16, Portland Y.M.C.A. 31

February 1st, P. C. 21, Monmouth 20.

February 2nd, P. C. 15, Salem Y.M.C.A. 13

The game with Salem was probably the most interesting of all. Both teams went in determined to win and when the forty minutes were up the score stood 13-13. After about three minutes more of the hardest kind of playing Hodson succeeded in throwing the winning basket making the final score stand 15-13 in our favor.

Pacific College has five games yet to play, three of which, the games with Multnomah, Dallas and Portland Y.M.C.A promise to be the best games ever seen on the home floor. The team is just getting into shape and having decided that it only takes one or two points more than the other team gets to win the game the fellows are looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to the time when they can even up old scores.

Girls' Gymnasium Class.

A girls' gymnasium class is being organized which

will meet two evenings in the week; probably Wednesday and Friday evenings. All girls of the school are invited to join.

Locals.

It is evident that there is some artistic talent in school, judging from the painting that has been done around the college buildings lately.

January 14th, Miss Bertha Cox, who has recently returned from Deering, Alaska, gave a very interesting talk in chapel concerning the customs of the natives, illustrating it with a number of splendid curios.

One day during the cold spell college was dismissed at the end of the second period, in order that the students might enjoy the unusual privilege of skating on the ice. Although there were many who knew nothing about skating, each one found some amusement and a general good time was had by all.

Wonder why Arthur Wilson announced that he had two tickets to sell for the musical.

Sara K. turning to Chester, "I love those that love me and those that seek me early shall find me."

Paul Maris' brother Homer visited chapel January 28.

Mrs. is not sure whether Harvey W. is eighteen or twenty-one.

The girls of the Heli Anthus club have received their pins which are made up of their colors, yellow and brown and also have on them the letters H. A.

Prof. Woodward in Logic—"All substances then must be hard or not hard. Clarence B.—"Aren't all

objects a little soft?"

Nellie Adams has been compelled to leave school on account of the sickness of her father.

The Seniors were entertained at the home of President McGrew January 24, where a splendid dinner was served at 6:30 p. m., after which a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. St. John has returned to his home at Eugene on account of breaking a bone in his leg. Word has been received that he intends to be back in school soon.

Lost, a cat—Finder please return to Clem Niswonger.

A number of students have been out of school on account of illness. We hope we shall be able to have the usual attendance soon.

Ruth Romig and B. C. Miles were visitors of chapel one morning recently.

A meeting of the student body was held January 29th at the close of school, at which time the proposed constitution was read and accepted with the exception of one article.

Miss Lena Spangle spent Sunday, February 3rd, at her home in Dayton.

Paul Maris attended the meeting of the executive committee of the state oratorical association, held at McMinnville January 11.

Harry Maxfield was absent from school January 28, on account of illness.

The debating team chosen to represent Pacific College in the C. D. L. O. this year is composed of Messrs. Brown, Rees and Maris, with Arthur Wilson as alternate. The boys are working hard and are expected to

make good when Monmouth comes down in March.

A few of the boys took a short vacation to go skating last month which was extended a day or so by the action of the faculty.

Exchanges.

It has been said that a college paper reflects the ideals and life of the students of the school which publishes it. This is largely true, and when we read the columns of a certain paper which weekly comes to our exchange table, and note the repeated slang and windy bombastic expression and spirit of its "Sparkles," we are led to believe that the true spirit of wit and humor is either dormant or absent in certain members of its staff.

The Hesperian of the Oregon City High School is a very neat little paper but would be improved by adding an exchange column.

Several of our exchanges have the prevalent habit of wrapping papers in such a way that it is almost impossible for the recipient to open them without injuring some part of their contents. This state of affairs has been noticed for some time past, and we hope that our small word may assist in abolishing the evil. Certainly our inventive genius was never put to test so much as when it became our duty to devise some means for removing tightly bound wrappers. Frequently the wrapper adhered to the paper itself and, when finally removed, invariably retained scraps of cover or reading matter, or else left disagreeable evidences of its former presence on the pages. We would urge the substitu-

tion of large envelopes for these unsatisfactory wrappers.

The Clarion of the Salem High School is the best high school paper on our exchange list. It is always well arranged and well edited in all its departments.

The Alumni department of the Penn Chronicle of January is especially well edited.

The Philomath College Chimes, while having a neat cover, devotes an undue amount of space to articles of little interest in college circles.

The Albany College Student is a rather small paper and weak in its literary department.

The Oregon Monthly which has always maintained a high standard is especially good this month.

"Why are you always behind in your studies?"
"Because if I was not behind, I could not pursue them."—Ex.

Pupil in Geometry—"Oh, I don't know anything."

Teacher—"That's an axiom."

Pupil—"Why, sir?"

Teacher—"Because it's a self-evident truth."—Ex.

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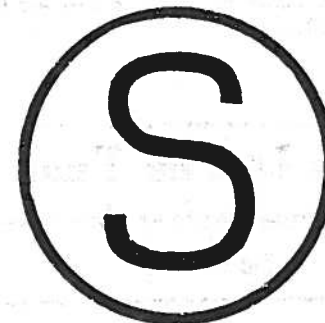
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